



# All Souls Catholic Church



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## • DEACON •

*Deacon. Eudoro Benalcazar*

**PASTORAL CENTER HOURS**  
Monday-Friday 9am-7pm  
Closed for Lunch: 12:30pm-1:30pm

## PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekdays/Entre Semana**  
Monday-Saturday 7:30am

**Saturday/Vigil:**  
5:30pm

**Sunday/Domingo**  
English: 7:30am, 9:00am, 5:30pm  
Español: 10:30am

Holy Days to be Announced

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4-5pm & by appointment

### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call the Pastoral Center for a priest.  
Uncion de los Enfermos: favor de llamar al Centro Pastoral para contactar a un sacerdote.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Español: El primer sábado del mes a las 10am  
English: Third Saturday of the month at 10am

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Book for an appointment at least 6 months in advance  
Llame al Centro Parroquial por lo menos 6 meses antes

### DEVOTIONS

Holy Hour: 1st Friday of the month at 7pm (Bilingual)

**January 14, 2024**

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## MISSION STATEMENT

We, at All Souls Church, are a multicultural Catholic Community called to share our gifts and to grow through worship and spiritual formation. We are brothers and sisters in Christ led by the Holy Spirit to witness the Good News to all.

### OFFICE MANAGER

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# Apostolates & Organization

|                              |                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
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| Safeguard the Children       | Irene Oaxaca            |
| Bereavement Ministry         | Diep Dinh               |
| Legion of Mary               | Salvador Agudo          |
| Cursillos in Christianity    | Aida Gonzalez           |
| English Bible Study          | Sheila Henderson-Linan  |
| Spanish Bible Study          | Maria de Jesus Martinez |
| Knights of Columbus          | Frank Bodeman           |
| Guadalupanos                 | Marina Ramirez          |
| Rosario de Misericordia      | Angelina Farias         |
| Our Lord's Mission           | Josephine Espinosa      |
| St. Vincent de Paul          | Pearl Martinez          |
| Encuentro Matrimonial        | Victor Pla              |
| Amigos de Jesus              | Estela Murga            |
| Filipino Ministry            | Rose Pichon             |
| Youth Ministry               | Leticia Urtecho         |
| Catholic Women's Association | Ma Grace N. Tima        |



# Readings & Prayers for the Sick

## First Reading:

The LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Sm 3:10)

## Psalm:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

## Second Reading:

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. (1 Cor 6:15, 17)

## Gospel:

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. (Jn 1:39)

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Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/  
Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

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# FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### “Speak Lord, your servant is listening”

1 Sam 3:3b-10, 19, 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20, Jn 1:35-42

I wish you and your loved ones a blessed and prosperous New Year. I may not promise to get you to realize whatever your ambitions or prospective long-term goals for this year maybe. I am pretty sure that reading this reflection may not get you there but it certainly will help to challenge and re-orient your life to a higher purpose. Like Jesus, my invitation to you is to “Come and See” ..., and like Samuel, I’d certainly expect your answer will be “Here I am Lord ... Speak Lord for your servant is listening.”

If like me you have struggled to live the Christian life, you would agree with me that following Jesus is not an easy project to embark upon. Christian life as I have come to see it is more about the formation of human conscience. A well-formed conscience is not immune to the ups and downs of life, but it does empower the human mind to go beyond the ordinary – to establish a profound relationship with divine and transcendental values. The evidence of a well-formed conscience is seen in one’s ability to make the right choices - Choices that reflect the will of God in one’s life and in the life of others.

The key to a successful life this year lies in letting our conscience be our guide - A well-formed conscience is a beauty to behold. In moments of confusion, a well-formed conscience is guided by the principle of “If Jesus were here what will He do?” Such a conscience that endeavors to do the will of God at all times is pleasing both to God and to others. In moments of uncertainty, a well-formed conscience will always make a profound effort to make the choices that enhance and promote the Good, Beauty, Truth, Love, Justice, Care, Compassion, Excellence, and the integrity of all sentient beings.

In this quest for excellence, we see what Christian life is all about. Christian life is not an exercise of momentary goodness – “Lord, I have been good for 9 days, now you have to reward me” or “Lord, I have completed the 2000 Hail Marys, now I have to win the super lotto.” The Christian life is a culture. It is a way of life that is lived out of love and not out of coercion. Like Samuel, Andrew, and Simon Peter, Christian life is a call to see, love, and behold the goodness of God in Jesus, the Christ (the incarnation of God).

The Christian culture transcends space and time. Christians worship divine and eternal values and embarking on such a project demands openness of the human mind to the realm of the boundless good that is immanent in everything that exists. It challenges the human mind in its limited nature to open up to the sphere of the unknown, the other, the realm of nothingness where all reality unites as one.

To arrive at this level of mental and spiritual development, our readings emphasize the need for spiritual guidance - The hand of God was upon Samuel right from the moment of his conception in the womb of Hannah his mother. Samuel literally grew up in the presence of God, serving the priest Eli at the Lord’s sanctuary in Shiloh. Having been raised by a priest and having been well educated in the Sacred Scriptures, he still needed the guidance of a man of God in order to recognize the voice of God, an experience that would change his life forever.

Embarking on the journey of emancipation and spiritual liberation, the first apostles – Andrew, Simon, James, and John needed the guidance of John the Baptist in order to recognize Jesus as the “Lamb of God.” It is significant to note that John was the son of a priest, Zachariah, who participated in the daily sacrifice of a lamb in the temple for the sins of the people (Exodus 29).

John understands well the power of the blood of the *Passover Lamb* (Exodus 12) which delivered the Israelites in Egypt from sin and death. By calling Jesus the Lamb of God, John sees in the blood of Jesus, the true Passover Lamb (1 Cor. 5:7), the ultimate sacrifice that will deliver the world from everlasting sin, death, and eternal destruction.

The apostles were not completely ignorant of this idea but their expectation of the fulfillment of prophecy was not enough to lead them to this truth. It was not until the man of God – John the Baptist made this prophetic pronouncement that the apostles were able to know the truth that will forever give a sense of meaning and direction to their lives.

Human beings are instinctively curious in nature. When it comes to the realization of our vocations in life (ambitions and long-term goals), we would like God to speak to us in voices that are distinct and clear – voices that are unmistakable and could easily be recognized; yet, our experience of God’s interaction with human beings in history reveals that God normally works through ordinary things of life thus reminding us that nothing should be neglected or taken for granted in our effort to realize our vocation in life.

Like Samuel and the apostles, we have all been given a divine assignment by God, and just like Samuel and the apostles who could not recognize what divine providence has in store for them until their spiritual masters pointed it out to them, we do need spiritual directors and spiritual masters in our spiritual journeys to help us discern what God is saying to us in our lives as individuals, family, group or the church.

The practice of spiritual direction should never be considered a thing of the past. We may live in a world which emphasizes the power of the individual to discern his/her own life, yet, we do know that seeking spiritual guidance does not in any way diminish the value of personal choice and personal responsibility because ultimately coming to develop a relationship with God is a choice that no one can make for you. It is a choice you must make for yourself.

Jesus echoes this fact in His question to the apostles “What are you looking for?” John the Baptist may point out the Lamb of God to the apostles; yet, getting to know and to follow Jesus remains a fundamental option the apostles must make for themselves, hence the apostles’ question “Master ... where are you staying?”

Jesus, where do you live so that we can see for ourselves? Jesus said to them “come and see.” Jesus neither gave the apostles an address for their GPS nor did He describe the direction to His residence to the apostles. He took them with Him to have a personal experience that will change their lives forever.

The Christian life is a day-by-day journey with Jesus. It is a journey of self-discovery. Since no one can see his or her back without the help of a mirror or the testimony of another, we need all the spiritual support we can get in order to discern the plan of God for our lives.

When it comes to the development of spiritual life and the formation of human conscience, we ought to understand that Christian life is not a Do-it-Yourself enterprise. We all need the support and assistance of people who are in sync with the Spirit of God to help us discern the will of God for our lives and our mission on earth.

May it be well with us as we embark on our spiritual journey of self-discovery in this New Year that has just begun, Amen.



# Finance Report

# Mass Intentions

## COLLECTION

January 7, 2023

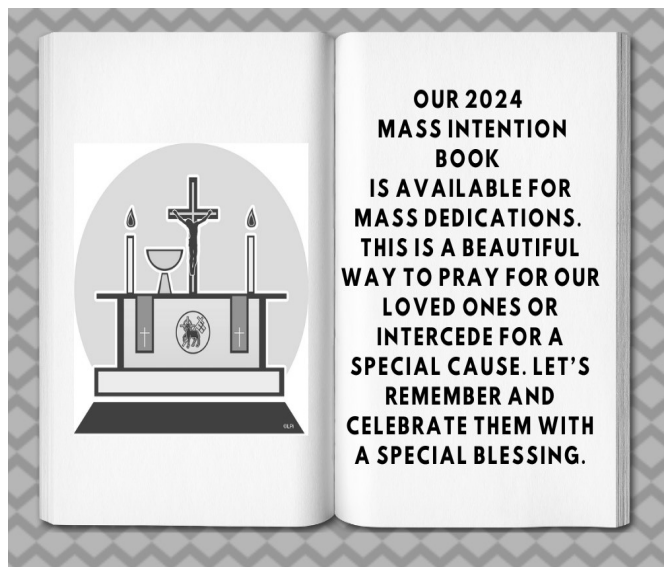
## TOTAL

\$ 6,575.00

*Thank you for YOUR continuous support and generosity.*

## Did you know?

Disclosing abuse is one of the hardest — and most important — steps for a victim to take. If a child chooses to tell you about abuse, make sure you are actively listening. Give the child all of your attention and listen calmly, without making judgements or assumptions. Listen patiently without filling in the blanks or making suggestions. The best thing is for the child to tell his or her own story. Ask limited questions, and only for information needed to report abuse. For more information on actively listening, read the VIRTUS® article “Responding to Youth Disclosures or Concerns of Abuse” at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).



| SATURDAY  | JANUARY                    | 13-2024      |
|-----------|----------------------------|--------------|
| 5:30pm    | Peace                      |              |
|           |                            |              |
| SUNDAY    | JANUARY                    | 14-2024      |
| 7:30am    | Jeannete Smock             | Dec.         |
|           | Fred G. Cordes             | Dec.         |
| 9:00am    | Agostina & Consuelo Rizado | Dec.         |
|           | Yolanda Olivas             | Dec.         |
|           | Haruo Iida                 | Dec.         |
| 10:30am   | Violeta Arroyo             | Dec.         |
|           | Amparo Hernandez           | Special Int. |
|           | Jose and Maria Morales     | Dec.         |
| 5:30pm    | Anabella Noguera           | Healing      |
|           | Michelle & Her Baby        | Sp. Int.     |
| MONDAY    | JANUARY                    | 15-2024      |
| 7:30am    | Mauro Gutierrez            | Sp. Int.     |
|           | Souls in Purgatory         |              |
| TUESDAY   | JANUARY                    | 16-2024      |
| 7:30am    | Madeleine Doerning         | Healing      |
|           |                            |              |
| WEDNESDAY | JANUARY                    | 17-2024      |
| 7:30am    | Carla Pemberton            | Healing      |
|           |                            |              |
| THURSDAY  | JANUARY                    | 18-2024      |
| 7:30am    | Dr. Bonifacio D. Formaran  | Dec.         |
|           |                            |              |
| FRIDAY    | JANUARY                    | 19-2024      |
| 7:30am    | Parishioners of All Souls  | Sp. Int.     |
|           |                            |              |
| SATURDAY  | JANUARY                    | 20-2024      |
| 7:30am    | Erlinda Sarmiento          | Birthday     |
|           | Dr. Bonifacio D. Formaran  | Dec.         |

## PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

### Primera Lectura:

En el llamado del Señor a Samuel, Elí le enseña a Samuel la importancia de “escuchar” la voz de Dios. ¿Puedes nombrar algo que hayas oído del Señor?

### Segunda Lectura:

Pablo veía nuestros cuerpos físicos como un templo del Espíritu Santo, destinado a resucitar después de la muerte, así como Jesús resucitó de entre los muertos. ¿Cuáles son algunas maneras de tratar tu cuerpo con reverencia y respeto?

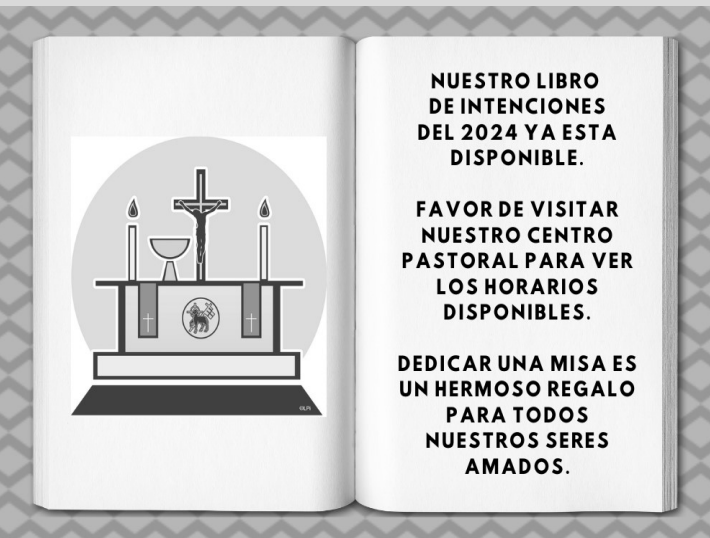
### Evangelio:

En el relato de Juan sobre el llamado de los primeros discípulos, escuchamos las primeras palabras que Jesús pronuncia en el Evangelio de Juan: “¿Qué buscáis?” ¿Cómo puedes convencer a familiares o amigos de que Jesús es lo que todos deberíamos buscar?

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## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: 1 Sm 3, 3-10. 19/Sal 39, 2. 4 7-8. 8-9. 10 (8. 9)/  
1 Cor 6, 13-15. 17-20/ Jn 1, 35-42  
Lunes: 1 Sm 15, 16-23/Sal 49, 8-9. 16-17. 21 y 23/Mc 2, 18-22  
Martes: 1 Sm 16, 1-13/Sal 88, 20. 21-22. 27-28/Mc 2, 23-28  
Miércoles: 1 Sm 17, 32-33. 37. 40-51/Sal 143, 1. 2. 9-10/Mc 3, 1-6  
Jueves: 1 Sm 18, 6-9; 19, 1-7/Sal 55, 2-3. 9-10. 10-11. 12-13/  
Mc 3, 7-12  
Viernes: 1 Sm 24, 3-21/Sal 56, 2. 3-4. 6 y 11/Mc 3, 13-19  
Sábado: 2 Sm 1, 1-4. 11-12. 17. 19. 23-27/Sal 79, 2-3. 5-7/Mc 3, 20-21



**NUESTRO LIBRO DE INTENCIONES DEL 2024 YA ESTA DISPONIBLE.**

**FAVOR DE VISITAR NUESTRO CENTRO PASTORAL PARA VER LOS HORARIOS DISPONIBLES.**

**DEDICAR UNA MISA ES UN HERMOSO REGALO PARA TODOS NUESTROS SERES AMADOS.**

Revelar el abuso es uno de los pasos más difíciles (y más importantes) que da una víctima de abuso. Si un niño elige contarte sobre el abuso sufrido, asegúrese de escucharlo con atención. Préstele al niño su absoluta atención y escúchele con calma, sin emitir juicios ni suposiciones. Escuche pacientemente sin llenar los espacios en blanco ni hacer sugerencias. Lo mejor es que el niño cuente su propia historia. Haga preguntas limitadas y solo para obtener información necesaria para denunciar los abusos. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® “Responding to Youth Disclosures or Concerns of Abuse” (Respondiendo a las revelaciones o inquietudes de abuso de los jóvenes) en [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

## AMIGOS DE JESUS

El grupo de oración, Amigos de Jesús, les invita a unirse a una noche de reflexión, alabanza y oración en comunidad. Las reuniones son a las 7pm cada miércoles. Si gusta unirse, favor de llamar al Centro Pastoral para mas detalles.



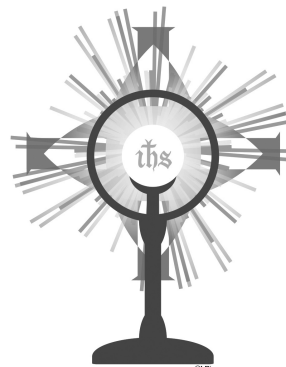
## VISITA NUESTRA CAPILLA

Cada minuto que dedicamos a la adoración de nuestro Señor profundiza nuestra relación con Él. Tómame un descanso de las preocupaciones del mundo y ven a

pasar un tiempo con Él en meditación silenciosa.

Nuestra Capilla de Adoración está abierta en el mismo horario que nuestro Centro Pastoral.

Ven a visitar a nuestro Señor y continua este año con sus bendiciones.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
CONGRESS 2024 – "BE LOVED"

THE LOS ANGELES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS IS A DYNAMIC AND EXCITING 4-DAY EVENT FILLED WITH KEYNOTES, WORKSHOPS, LITURGIES, EXHIBITS, AND ENTERTAINMENT THAT SHOWCASE THE DEPTH AND BEAUTY OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH.

JOIN US ON FEBRUARY 15-18, 2024!  
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LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WORKSHOPS, AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS BY VISITING THE RE CONGRESS WEBSITE.

Scan the QR code for important registration details!



PLEASE NOTE



Please note that our Pastoral Center will be closed this Monday, January 15th, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday. We will resume our regular hours on the following day.



ONELIFE LA



THE MISSION OF ONELIFE LA IS TO UNITE COMMUNITIES AND INSPIRE POSITIVE ACTION THROUGH AN ANNUAL EVENT THAT PROMOTES THE BEAUTY AND DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN LIFE FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH. THIS YEAR WE CELEBRATE: "10 YEARS TOGETHER AS ONE."

ONELIFE LA BEGINS WITH A WALK THROUGH DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES AND ENDS WITH A FESTIVAL IN THE PARK WHERE YOU WILL BE INSPIRED BY COURAGEOUS SPEAKERS; SUPPORTED AS YOU DEFEND, PROTECT AND PROCLAIM LIFE; AND ENCOURAGED TO SERVE THOSE IN NEED WITH OUR INCREDIBLE COMMUNITY PARTNERS.

JOIN US ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE! PLEASE REGISTER BY VISITING [HTTPS://ONELIFELA.ORG/REGISTER-2](https://onelifela.org/register-2).

SCHEDULE WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON.



NOVENA TO SANTO NIÑO

Dear Parishioners,

You are invited to save the date. Our Filipino Ministry will host a novena to Santo Niño at 7 pm from January 11, 2024, until January 19, 2024, via Zoom. At the end of the nine days, a special Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, January 20, 2024**, at 5:30 pm, here at our parish. Join us!

Zoom ID: 885 395 0544

Passcode: stonino



Dear Parishioners,  
The Annual Contribution Letters are currently being prepared. We will begin to distribute them on the last weekend of January.